

# FAMILY HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE

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10.15.2014 | Information Session

Immediately followed by FHC Feedback Session



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# Initiative News & Updates

## Important Announcements

- Coordinated Entry Consultant will be holding a **Community Feedback Forum** (*additional details will be sent this week*)
  - Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>
  - 9:00am-12:00pm
  - Tukwila Community Center
- Quarterly Co-Sponsored SKCCH Families Committee Meetings
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Session – Rapid Re-Housing for Families Pilot
    - Further develop common understanding about key elements of the pilot
    - Further improve coordination between shelters & RRHF
  - October 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 – 11:30am East Cherry YWCA

# Implementation Strategies – Progress, News & Updates

## **Shelter Diversion Pilot:**

Model Overview (*Michelle, FHI*)

➤ Jan. 2014 – May 2015

- Diversion explored at “front door” of FHC (during every assessment appointment for families in places not meant for human habitation)
- Level 1 (“lightest-touch”) diversion provided by FHC
- Level 2 (requiring more time/assistance) provided through referrals from FHC to providers
  - Four diversion providers: Wellspring, Solid Ground, Interim, and Neighborhood House

# Diversion Pilot – Progress to date:

## Number of Families Served as of the end of August:

278 families have been enrolled in Diversion

- Of those, 89 are 'still in progress' – currently working with a diversion case manager
- For the 189 who have exited:
  - 105 (56%) have been successfully diverted
  - 84 (44%) were unable to be diverted (referred back to FHC to complete housing assessment)

Still working on getting the full picture from the data, but these early numbers are promising (the goal for the pilot was to successfully divert 30%)

# Diversion Pilot – Progress to date:

## Success/Challenges/Lessons Learned so far:

Learning Circles (*Ann-Margaret, City of Seattle HSD*)

- Providers & funders come together monthly to talk about the model

Provider perspective (*Melissa, Neighborhood House; Emily or Scott, FHC*)

- Sharing success stories, challenges, and the perspective of families

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## **Rapid Re-Housing for Families Pilot Updates** (as of 9/30/14)

- 216 enrollments— using data to analyze enrollments and housing placement variances; Learning Circle discussing housing placements and landlord work
- Exit data:
  - Of the 95 families that have moved into housing, 41 families have exited the program now
  - Average housing subsidy has been 95 days
  - Average days to move in at 54 days
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## **Realignment Process**

Project Analysis has begun with 5 agencies (a 6<sup>th</sup> potentially coming on board)

Early themes and questions:

- Rich dialogue about possibilities and opportunities for realignment
- Meetings end with clear questions and action items for partners to go back and look into
- How to overlay a rapid re-housing approach onto permanent affordable housing model?

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## **Realignment Process**

Incremental shifts to further support system goals – to occur with other time limited programs not in this first group

- To begin with a discussion at October's Peer Learning Group (standing and on-going Learning Circle for managers)
  - Realignment discussion
  - Discussion about the framework for support and system learning/idea exchange needed
  - Discussion about the framework for System Innovation Grant



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## Update on System Innovation Grants

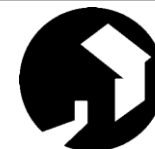
- Building Changes to announce the release of 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of Capacity Grants
- 2015 System Innovation Grants were approved!
  1. Risk Mitigation Funds – working with a group of funding partners to develop a framework and guidelines for this project; aiming for funds to be available starting January 1; early enthusiasm for safety net funds during realignment discussions with agencies in group 1
  2. Re-Housing from Shelter Funds – discussion with providers at Peer Learning Group to inform guidelines; Building Changes to announce a Letter of Intent process; aiming for contract start date of January 1

# What's Coming Up

November FHI Info Session 9-10am &

FHC Feedback Session 10-11am

- November 19<sup>th</sup> – Location: 2100 Building(meetings occur at the same location)
- CEH Meetings
  - Next IAC Meeting – November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2-4pm Bellevue City Hall



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QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR FUTURE  
SESSIONS?

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